

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COACHES LOCAL TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are going to run 12 coaches local trains in Sealdah and Howrah Divisions of Eastern Railway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all the infrastructure works have been completed so that the 12 coach local trains can run smoothly;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the likely time frame by which these train services will be available to passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRIR.VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): At present seven rakes of 12 coach rakes are in operation over Sealdah & Howrah divisions of Eastern Railway. Further, introduction of 12 coach local EMU trains in Howrah & Sealdah divisions of Eastern Railway has been planned for which new EMU rakes are being acquired through Integral Coach Factory/other manufacturing agencies.

(c) to (e): Works for extension of platforms and signal works for running 12 coach local trains in Sealdah-Ranaghat, Sealdah-Krishnanagar (via mainline) & Krishnanagar- Ranaghat sections in Sealdah division and Howrah-Bandel & Sheoraphuli-Tarakeshwar sections in Howrah divisions have been completed. Works for running 12 coach local trains in remaining sections of Sealdah & Howrah divisions are under progress and planned to complete by 31.12.2009. Additional 12 coach EMU services will be introduced in Sealdah & Howrah Divisions in a phased manner subject to availability of new rakes and completion of works.